

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-21 without prejudice or disclaimer and substitute new claims 22-43 therefor as follows:

1-21. (Cancelled)

22. (New) An apparatus comprising first and second components having respective first and second mechanical coupling elements that cooperate to allow relative movement of the first and second components, wherein each of the first and second mechanical coupling elements provides a corresponding signal coupler and the signal couplers cooperate to enable wireless coupling of a signal from one of the first and second components to the other of the first and second components.

23. (New) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein each signal coupler comprises at least two signal coupling elements with each signal coupling element provided by the first mechanical coupling element forming a signal coupler with a corresponding one of the coupling elements provided by the second mechanical coupling element.

24. (New) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the signal couplers are incorporated in the mechanical coupling.

25. (New) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein each signal coupling coupler is carried by or forms part of the corresponding mechanical coupling element.

26. (New) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein at least one of the first and second components has a data provider to communicate data to the other of the first and second components via the wireless coupling provided by the first and second couplers.

27. (New) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein at least one of the first and second components has a signal supplier coupled to the signal coupler to supply a signal to be coupled to the other of the first and second components via the wireless coupling and at least one of the first and second components is arranged to communicate data to the other by modulating that signal.

28. (New) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein at least one of the first and second components has a power deriver operable to derive a power supply for that component from a signal coupled to that component from the other component via the wireless coupling.

29. (New) An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the power deriver comprises a rectifier.

30. (New) An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the power driver comprises a rectifier and a charge storer.

31. (New) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the signal couplers comprise electrical signal couplers providing at least one of a capacitive and an inductive wireless coupling.

32. (New) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the degree of coupling between the signal couplers varies with the relative positions and/or orientations of the first and second components and a determiner is provided to determine the degree of coupling to determine information relating to the relative positions and/or orientations of the first and second components.

33. (New) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the first and second mechanical coupling elements define at least one of a rotatable and a slidable coupling.

34. (New) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the first and second mechanical coupling elements provide coaxial parts of a hinge.

35. (New) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the first and second mechanical coupling elements define a ball and socket arrangement.

36. (New) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the first and second mechanical coupling elements provide a sliding mechanical coupling allowing relative sliding between the first and second components.

37. (New) A apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the relative positions and/orientations of the first and second components are fixed once the mechanical coupling is made

38. (New) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the first and second components are sub-systems or sub-assemblies

39. (New) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the second component is a display device.

40. (New) An apparatus according to claim 22, in the form of a laptop, PDA, video display unit, video camera, or a GPS system.

41. (New) A portable device in the form of the apparatus in accordance with claim 22.

42. (New) A method of wirelessly coupling a signal from a first component to a second component that is mechanically coupled to the first component to allow movement of at least one of the first and second components relative to the other, the

method comprising wirelessly coupling the signal from the first component to the second component via the mechanical coupling of the first and second components.

43. (New) An apparatus comprising first and second components having respective first and second mechanical coupling elements that cooperate to allow relative movement of the first and second components, wherein each of the first and second mechanical coupling elements provides a corresponding signal coupling means and the signal coupling means cooperate to enable wireless coupling of a signal from one of the first and second components to the other of the first and second components.